GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of drugs being given to overcome severe pain and mental illness on account of strict enforcement of Narcotics Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to remove such shortage of drugs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d): Whenever shortage of any drug is reported, remedial action is taken by requesting the drug companies concerned to make supply of medicines in the affected regions.No specific shortages of drugs for treatment of severe pain and mental illness has been brought to the notice of the Department or the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) so far.